



**Administration Asks  
\$1000-\$5000 Raises  
For Top Executives**

The Administration asked Congress yesterday to vote pay raises from \$1000 to \$5000 a year for 237 high-ranking Federal executives.

The plan, which would cost \$2,357,360 annually, has the endorsement of President Eisenhower who last week urged his congressional leaders to approve the increase at this session of Congress.

After a week of conferences with congressional leaders, the Administration agreed to reduce the scale of increases proposed for the executives. As revised downward, the plan recommends:

\$25,000 salaries for the 10 Cabinet members and the director of the Budget Bureau. Cabinet members are paid \$22,500 each and the Budget director \$17,500.

\$22,500 salaries for the State and Defense undersecretaries, and two members of the Presidents staff which would be Sherman Adams and Bernard M. Shanley.

\$22,000 for 7 officials including the secretaries of the Army, Navy and Air Force, the director of the FBI, and three other White House assistants.

\$21,000 salaries for 14 officials including the heads of Small Business, United States Information and Federal Civil Defense, the governor of Farm Credit and the ~~Administrator of Economic~~ Renegotiation.

\$20,500 salaries for 19 officials such as the heads of the State, Justice, Interior, Navy, Air Force, Commerce, Post Office and Veterans Affairs, the chairman of the Maritime Board and the deputy director of United States Information.

\$20,000 salaries for 149 officials such as the cabinet secretaries, the members of most boards and commissions and the commissioner of Immigration & Naturalization Service, the director of the aeronautical research branch of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics among others.

\$17,500 salaries for 33 officials such as the commissioner of Social Security, the director of the Bureau of Prisons, and commissioners of the Court of Claims.

\$27,500 top salaries would be paid to the chiefs of missions under the Foreign Service. The chiefs now have a salary range from \$15,000 to \$25,000 and it would be lifted to \$20,000 to \$27,500.

\$1000 annual increases for the dozen top officials in VA's Department of Medicine & Surgery. The chief medical director would be raised from \$16,800 to \$17,800; the deputy from \$15,800 to \$16,800, and the eight assistants from \$14,800 to \$15,800.

The \$14,800 ceiling on classified, postal and other Federal salaries would be lifted to a maximum of \$17,500.

GS 18 now pays a flat \$14,800. The Administration wants it raised to a \$16,000 to \$17,500 salary range. Also, a fifth step, at \$14,835, would be added to GS 17. There would be no other changes in the classified and postal service.

Ten days ago, before the conferences with congressional leaders, the President approved a plan to boost Cabinet members to \$30,000 and the classified and postal ceiling to a maximum of \$20,000. Undersecretaries would have been paid \$15,000 and \$12,500 salaries would have been paid heads of major agencies such as VA and Internal Revenue.

The last executive pay bill was approved in 1949. The executives are the only group in government whose salaries have not been raised in recent years. The Hoover Commission and the National Civil Service League have demanded higher executive salaries.